

**PERRY COUNTY COUNCIL
MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 17, 2014**

The Perry County Council met on the above date at 8:00 a.m. for the adoption of the 2015 budgets as had been duly advertised. Council members present were President Stan Goffinet, Steve Goodson Dianne Rudolph, Chet Mathena, Jim Adams, Jody French and Ron Crawford Sr. Assisting from the auditor's office staff were Auditor Connie Berger, Chief Deputy Pam Goffinet, and Deputy Susan Harpenau and from the Commissioner's office the County Administrator, Teresa Kanneberg. A media representative from the Perry County News was present for part of the day, and representatives from several county departments were present at various times during the day-long session.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Lucy Goffinet attended the meeting to discuss the position of GAL/CASA Director within the Circuit Court budget. Lucy explained that in the past this position had been funded within the Supplemental Adult Probation fund, but due to less funds being collected this position was moved to the Circuit Court budget within the County General Fund. She stated that the position is a mandated position by the State. The position works for the safety of the children in Perry County. If the county doesn't have this position then an attorney would have to be appointed and the cost would be around \$190,000 a year.

Amy Smith, CAL/CASA Director, explained that she has to perform interviews with the children, parents, schools and attorneys throughout the case. She stated that she has worked 15 years in this type of job and is required to have 30 hours of training each year. It is a savings to the county if an individual is hired for this position instead of an attorney.

BUDGET EXPLANATION

Council members had proposed budgets before them, of which budget requests exceeded the estimated maximum levy by approximately \$319,912 for those funds within the state's maximum levy guidelines (being the County General, Health, Property Reassessment, and Cumulative Bridge funds). The estimated levy was calculated at approximately \$3,465,565 with the published dollars to be raised at approximately \$3,785,477. County Auditor Connie Berger explained that for 2015 the max levy could only be increased by 2.7% which is the amount of tax dollars that could be raised from 2014 to 2015 within the 4 levied funds. She did state that she had been asked to figure what the cut would be if no salary increases were given for 2015 and that amount would be approximately \$77,745 for the County General fund and \$45,401 for the Health fund. If a 1% raise was given that would cut appropriately \$50,474 within the General Fund and \$37,070 within the Health Fund. Also, figured was if a \$500 increase was given to full time employees and \$250 to part time employees. If this was done it would cut approximately \$46,495 in the County General Fund and \$37,750 within the Health Fund.

SALARIES

Council President, Stan Goffinet, stated that he feels all salaries should remain at the 2014 amounts and after going through all department budgets line by line and making cuts then a decision can be made about raises for 2015.

Stan made a motion for all salaries to remain the same for 2015 as 2014 with some exceptions. Ron seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

BUDGETS - SECOND READING

In order to meet the necessary requirements of the second reading of the budgets, all budgets were read individually for the second time by the Council President as each budget was addressed throughout the meeting.

BUDGET APPROVALS

The County Council proceeded with reviewing, discussing, and approving each individual departmental budget with most budgets being approved with some amendments, as follows:

County Clerk Jean Schulthise explained that the department really needs the part time position that is being requested to help with the additional court work that is required of her office and also the additional work at election time. She asked that the County Council not cut her line item from Office Supplies. Steve made the motion to approve the Clerk's budget in the amount of \$201,126 as amended. Jim seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Auditor's budget in the amount of \$180,279 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made a motion to approve the Treasurer's budget in the amount of \$107,163 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Recorder's budget in the amount of \$95,097 as amended. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Sheriff's budget in the amount of \$409,534 as amended. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made a motion to approve the Surveyor's budget in the amount of \$6,150 as amended. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Coroner's budget in the amount of \$29,620 as amended. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the County Assessor's budget in the amount of \$123,859 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Prosecuting Attorney's budget in the amount of \$25,040 as amended. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the County Extension Service budget in the amount of \$118,477 as amended. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Veteran's Service budget in the amount of \$25,930 as amended. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the County Council budget in the amount of \$43,825 as amended. Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

After some discussion on the Election Supplies within the Election Budget Ron made a motion to allow \$1,200. The second was made by Jim, motion carried 6-1 with Steve voting against the motion. Jim made the motion to approve the Election Board budget in the amount of \$53,160 as amended. The second was made by Ron, motion carried 6-1, with Steve voting against the motion.

Jim made the motion to approve the Commissioners budget in the amount of \$751,470 as amended. Motion was seconded by Jody and motion carried 7-0. Later on Wednesday more cuts were made in the Commissioners due to moving requests to the COIT Fund. Jody made the motion to approve the budget in the amount of \$728,470. Jim seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Animal Shelter budget in the amount of \$20,000 as amended. The motion was seconded by Jody, and motion carried 7-0.

Dianne made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning budget in the amount of \$13,806 as amended. Jim seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Courthouse budget in the amount of \$131,272 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$384,780 as amended. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Emergency Management budget in the amount of \$145,358 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ron made the motion to approve the Jail budget in the amount of \$425,337 as amended. Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the 4-D Child Support budget in the amount of \$134,298 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Dianne made the motion to approve the Soil Conservation budget in the amount of \$26,570 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Parks & Recreation budget in the amount of \$81,573 as amended. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the SIRS budget in the amount of \$45,000 as requested. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made a motion to approve the Health Department budget in the amount of \$179,240 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve made a motion to approve the Cumulative Bridge budget in the amount of \$512,266 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Property Reassessment – 2015 budget in the amount of \$99,090 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-1, with Ron voting against the motion.

At this time the County Council members adjourned for lunch until 1:45 p.m. to allow the Auditor's office time to calculate the cuts that had been made within the levied funds. After returning from lunch County Auditor, Connie Berger, explained that within the levied funds \$23,739 still needed to be cut. She suggested that the council review the COIT budget and if any cuts are made within that budget then some appropriation could be moved from the General Fund to the COIT Fund.

Jim made the motion to approve the County Option Income Tax budget in the amount of \$791,380 as amended. Ron seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. Ron then made a motion to approve the budget as amended in the amount of \$792,380 due to the budget being increased. Jim seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0. After more increases were made to the budget Ron made the motion to approve the budget as amended in the amount of \$815,380 and Jim seconded the motion and the motion carried 7-0.

Steve made a motion to approve the Cumulative Capital Development budget in the amount of \$ 186,514 as requested. Jim seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Clerk's Record Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$11,650 as requested. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the County Sales Disclosure Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$2,200 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Emergency Management's Emergency Planning/Right to Know budget in the amount of \$3,667 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ron made the motion to approve the Enhanced Access budget in the amount of \$4,000 as requested. Jim seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Identification Security Protection budget in the amount of \$2,655 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Highway - Administration budget in the amount of \$151,188 as amended. Dianne seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Dianne made the motion to approve the Highway – Maintenance and Repair budget in the amount of \$752,589 as amended. Chet seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Highway – General and Undistributed Expenses budget in the amount of \$971,150 as amended. Ron seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Steve made a motion to approve the Park & Rec Non-Reverting Fund budget in the amount of \$2,000 as requested. Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Plat Book Fund budget in the amount of \$7,000 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ron made the motion to approve the Riverboat - County Share Fund budget in the amount of \$20,000 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Sex and Violent Offender Fund in the amount of \$1,211 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Supplemental Public Defender budget in the amount of \$4,000 as requested, and Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Surveyor Corner Perpetuation Fund in the amount of \$2,000 as requested. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Clerk Fund budget in the amount of \$500.00 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Auditor Fund budget in the amount of \$500.00 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Treasurer Fund budget in the amount of \$500.00 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Ron made the motion to approve the County Elected Official Training / Recorder Fund budget in the amount of \$500.00 as requested. Jim seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Statewide 911 budget in the amount of \$297,770 as amended. Jim seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Supplemental Adult Probation budget in the amount of \$166,910 as amended. Jody seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Circuit Court - Jury Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$3,000 as requested. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Pretrial Diversion budget in the amount of \$95,696 as amended. Dianne seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Debt Service- Detention Center budget in the amount of \$874,000 as requested. Jim seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Steve made the motion to approve the Prosecutor's Check Collection Fee Fund budget in the amount of \$6,359 as amended. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Surplus Surtax & Wheel Tax budget in the amount of \$350,000 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

Jim made the motion to approve the Jail Operations budget in the amount of \$217,000 as requested. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

At 3:55 p.m. Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting until 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 18, 2014. Jody seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

At 9:00 a.m. on Thursday morning September 18, 2014 County Council members and the auditor's office staff reconvened. The Perry County News was present for the meeting along with and representatives from several county departments.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Auditor Connie Berger explained that the action taken by the County Council on Wednesday, within the 4 levied funds (County General, Health, Cumulative Bridge and Property Reassessment-2015), had totaled \$319,912 in cuts which makes the budgets within \$739 of the Max Levy amount. She suggested that no more cuts be made within the levied funds for 2015. Connie reminded Council members that salaries for 2015 will remain the same as 2014 with a few exceptions. She also stated that the Salary Ordinance and Tax Rate Ordinance will be adopted at the September 25th monthly County Council meeting.

PERRY COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

County Auditor, Connie Berger, reminded Council members that the Solid Waste District receives no funding from the county and their employees are not considered county employees; the reason that the Council has to approve their budget is because their board is not an elected board they are appointed. Council member Ron Crawford asked Councilman Jim Adams, who currently serves on the Solid Waste Board, about current bank balances. Crawford stated that the Council oversees the budget, but we have no idea what kind of money they have. Jim explained that when established the local leaders wanted it to be self-sufficient, and they struggled financially until the annual user fee was put into place. It was noted that the Solid Waste District had asked for a 3% raise for all employees, and also stated that some positions may not be getting paid enough for what they do.

After reviewing the budget request Dianne made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Management District in the amount of \$474,347 as requested. Steve seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

PERRY COUNTY AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Jim made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority budget in the amount of \$44,100 as requested. Ron seconded the motion and motion carried 7-0.

Jody made the motion to approve the Perry County Airport Authority – Cumulative Airport Building budget in the amount of \$95,000 as requested. Jim seconded the motion, and motion carried 7-0.

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the County Council and adoption of the 2015 budget will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 4:30 P.M.

There being no further business, Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jody seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0, with adjournment at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes approved this 23rd day of October, 2014.

President, Perry County Council

*Minutes prepared by:
Connie A. Berger, Perry County Auditor*

